

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A polycarbonate resin ~~for an optical disk substrate~~ characterized by composition, comprising:

a polycarbonate resin; and

100 to 500 ppm of a releasing agent;

said polycarbonate resin composition having a viscosity average molecular weight of from 10,000 to 17,000, an iron content of 0.2 ppm or less and a free total phenol content of 80 ppm or less, ~~and containing from 100 to 500 ppm of a releasing agent.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A ~~The~~ polycarbonate resin composition ~~for an optical disk substrate~~ as described in claim 1, which ~~has~~ comprises an acetone soluble content of 12% by mass or less.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A ~~The~~ polycarbonate resin composition ~~for an optical disk substrate~~ as described in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, which ~~contains~~ comprises from 150 to 350 ppm of a releasing agent.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A ~~The~~ polycarbonate resin composition ~~for an optical disk substrate~~ as described in ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 3~~, wherein the releasing agent is a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An optical disk substrate, comprising:

a the polycarbonate resin composition ~~for an optical disk substrate as~~ described in any of claims claim 1 to 4.

Claims 6-20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 2, which comprises from 150 to 350 ppm of a releasing agent.

Claim 22 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 2, wherein the releasing agent is a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester.

Claim 23 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 4, wherein the polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester is a fatty acid monoester of glycerin.

Claim 24 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 22, wherein the polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester is a fatty acid monoester of glycerin.

Claim 25 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 1, wherein said polycarbonate resin is subjected to an elution treatment using a solvent so as to elute impurities and free total phenol.

Claim 26 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 1, further comprising:

20 to 100 ppm of a phosphorous antioxidant.

Claim 27 (New): The polycarbonate resin composition as described in claim 1, wherein said polycarbonate resin is obtained from bisphenol A.

Claim 28 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 5, in which said polycarbonate resin composition comprises an acetone soluble content of 12% by mass or less.

Claim 29 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 5, in which said polycarbonate resin composition comprises from 150 to 350 ppm of a releasing agent.

Claim 30 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 5, wherein said releasing agent is a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester.

Claim 31 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 30, wherein the polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester is a fatty acid monoester of glycerin.

Claim 32 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 5, wherein said polycarbonate resin is subjected to an elution treatment using a solvent so as to elute impurities and free total phenol.

Claim 33 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 5, further comprising:

20 to 100 ppm of a phosphorous antioxidant.

Claim 34 (New): The optical disk substrate as described in claim 5, wherein said polycarbonate resin is obtained from bisphenol A.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 6-20 have been canceled.

The amendment of Claim 1 is supported at page 11, 1st paragraph to page 12, line 3 and at page 14, 2nd full paragraph.

New Claims 21-34 have been added.

New Claims 21 and 29 are supported by Claim 3 as originally filed.

New Claims 22 and 30 are supported by Claim 4 as originally filed.

New Claims 23 and 24 and 31 are supported at page 12, last paragraph to page 13, line 8.

New Claims 25 and 32 are supported at page 11, last paragraph.

New Claims 26 and 33 are supported at page 12, lines 4 and 5.

New Claims 27 and 34 are supported at page 10, lines 8-10.

New Claim 28 is supported by Claim 2 as originally filed.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-5 and 21-34 will now be active in this application.